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Sheep and Goat Inventory

All sheep and lamb inventory in Michigan on January 1, 2019, was 86,000 head, an increase of 8 percent from 2018, according to Marlo Johnson, Regional Director of the USDA, NASS, Great Lakes Regional Office. Breeding sheep inventory, at 62,000 head, was up 5,000 from last year. Market sheep and lambs totaled 24,000 head, up 1,000 from last year. The 2018 Michigan lamb crop was 50,000 head, up 1,000 from the previous year.

All sheep and lambs inventory in the United States on January 1, 2019 totaled 5.23 million head, down 1 percent from 2018. Breeding sheep inventory at 3.82 million head on January 1, 2019, decreased 1 percent from 3.87 million head on January 1, 2018. Ewes one year old and older, at 3.00 million head, were 1 percent below last year. Market sheep and lambs on January 1, 2019 totaled 1.41 million head, up 1 percent from January 1, 2018. Market lambs comprised 94 percent of the total market inventory. Market sheep comprised the remaining 6 percent of total market inventory.

The number of sheep and lambs shorn in Michigan, at 55,000 head, was down 4,000 from the previous year. Michigan shorn wool production in 2018 was 325,000 pounds, down 6 percent from 2017. The average price paid for wool in Michigan was \$0.65 per pound, an increase of \$0.05 from the previous year. The total value of wool was \$211,000, 2 percent above the 2017 value.

Shorn wool production in the United States during 2018 was 24.4 million pounds, down 2 percent from 2017. Sheep and lambs shorn totaled 3.37 million head, down 2 percent from 2017. The average price paid for wool sold in 2018 was \$1.75 per pound for a total value of 42.8 million dollars, up 16 percent from 36.8 million dollars in 2017.

As of January 1, 2019, there were 12,000 milk goats in Michigan, up 1,000 from a year earlier.

All goats and kids inventory in the United States on January 1, 2019 totaled 2.62 million head, down 1 percent from 2018. Breeding goat inventory totaled 2.15 million head, down 1 percent from 2018. Does one year old and older, at 1.60 million head, were 1 percent below last year's number. Market goats and kids totaled 474 thousand head, up 2 percent from a year ago. Kid crop for 2018 totaled 1.64 million head for all goats, up slightly from 2017. Meat and all other goats totaled 2.06 million head on January 1, 2019, down 1 percent from 2018. Milk goat inventory was 430 thousand head, up 2 percent from January 1, 2018, while Angora goats were down 5 percent, totaling 137 thousand head.

Sheep Inventory, January 1, 2018 and 2019

Class	Michigan		United States	
	2018	2019	2018	2019
	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>1,000 head</i>
All sheep and lambs	80	86	5,265	5,230
Breeding sheep and lambs	57	62	3,865	3,820
Ewes	41	45	3,033	3,000
Rams	3	3	170	170
Replacement lambs	13	14	662	650
Total market sheep and lambs	23	24	1,400	1,410
Previous year's lamb crop	49	50	3,230	3,235

Goat Inventory, January 1, 2018 and 2019

Class	Michigan		United States	
	2018	2019	2018	2019
	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>1,000 head</i>
Angora	(NA)	(NA)	144	137
Milk	11	12	420	430
Meat and other	(NA)	(NA)	2,075	2,055

(NA) Not available.